



**ACTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
REGULATIONS FOR OPEN BURNING
JANUARY 15TH – MAY 1, 2003 4:00PM**

THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED:

1. A PERMIT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR PERMISSION TO BURN
2. BURNING WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M., **ALL FIRES MUST BE EXTINGUISHED BY 4 P.M.**
3. **BURNING MUST BE AT LEAST 75 FEET FROM ALL DWELLING UNITS.**
4. BURNING MUST TAKE PLACE ON LAND PROXIMATE TO THE SOURCE OF MATERIAL BEING BURNED.
5. NO STARTERS SUCH AS GASOLINE OR TIRES MAY BE USED.
6. NO HAY, GRASS, LEAVES, WHOLE TREES, STUMPS, CARPENTRY DEBRIS, BUILDING DEBRIS, PAPER OR RUBBISH MAY BE BURNED AT ANY TIME.
7. **NO LAND CLEARING OR SITE CLEARING FOR DEVELOPMENT DEBRIS MAY BE BURNED.**
8. UNDER THE LAW YOU ARE ALLOWED TO BURN DEBRIS FROM THE FOLLOWING: DOMESTIC TREE TRIMMING AND PRUNING, DOMESTIC GARDEN PREPARATION, COMMERCIAL NURSERY TREE TRIMMING AND PRUNING, GOVERNMENT NURSERY AND FOREST TREE TRIMMING AND PRUNING, AND MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING ACCESS WAYS.
9. NO BURNING WILL BE ALLOWED IN BARRELS.
10. **BURNING MUST BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT CAUSING A HARDSHIP OR NUISANCE TO OTHERS.**
11. **THE ISSUING OF A PERMIT DOES NOT RELEASE THE HOLDER FROM LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES CAUSED BY HIS FIRE.**
12. **A MEANS OF EXTINGUISHING THE FIRE MUST BE AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES.**
13. **THE FIRE MUST NEVER BE LEFT UNATTENDED.**

YOU HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR OPEN BURNING BY THE ACTON FIRE DEPARTMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13 OF CHAPTER 48, MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS.

IF HIGH WINDS OR EXCESIVE DRY CONDITIONS EXIST OPEN BURNING IS DISCOURAGED.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT 978-264-9645